• **PROJECT NAME**	**Operation Ceasefire**
• **TYPE OF PRACTICE**	Community Policing
• **CITIES AND/OR COMMUNITIES, COUNTRY/IES**	Boston, Massachussets
• **IMPLEMENTED SINCE**	1996
• **BRIEF DESCRIPTION**	Programme to eradicate youth and gang violence and the use of fire arms. Intervention through weapon detection in the city's hot-spots and violence prevention.
• **PROMOTING OR LEADING ENTITIES**	Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government
• **PARTICIPANTS**	Boston Police Department's Youth Violence Strike Force (YVSF) in collaboration with the Attorney for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and representatives from numerous agencies and institutions, including Federal, State, and local law enforcement; parole and probation officers; the mayor's office; city agencies; clergy; and several universities.
• **OBJETIVES**	Reduce youth and gang violence in Boston
• **TARGETS**	8 to 18 year-olds
• **MAIN RESULTS**	71-percent decrease in homicides by persons ages 24 and under and a 70-percent reduction in gun assaults (for all ages).
• **METODOLOGY**	YVSF devised a core strategy based on previous research and successful anti-gang tactics: Law enforcement would communicate to gangs that there would be swift, sure, and severe consequences for violence.
• **EVALUATION INDICATORS / METHOD**	Operation Ceasefire is being evaluated by a research team from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.
• **DEGREE OF SUCCESS**	71-percent decrease in homicides by persons ages 24 and under and a 70-percent reduction in gun assaults (for all ages).

(EVALUATION RESULTS)	
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• **PROJECT LINKS**	http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/pubs/gun_violence/profile21.html
• **PROJECT LOGO**	
• **OBSERVATIONS**	
• **SIMILAR PROJECTS**	Kansas City Gun Experiment -- Kansas City, MO Getting Guns Off the Streets, New York City Police Department -- New York, NY
• **OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION**	